

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Previously presented) A method comprising:  
extending a persistent invitation to a first network station client to join an ongoing  
conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client  
is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference  
call, wherein said extending is performed after the ongoing conference call has  
begun and comprises,  
issuing a token to the first network station client;  
detecting an activation of said token by said first network station client; and  
adding the first network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to said  
detecting.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said extending further comprises:  
receiving a message indicating that the first network station client is busy.
4. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said extending further comprises:  
determining that the first network station client is not responding to the non-persistent  
invitation to join the conference call within a specified time period.
5. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said token comprises:  
at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID  
field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant  
information field.

6. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein said token further comprises a reference used to retrieve state data where such state data functions as at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.
7. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said detecting comprises:  
detecting that the first network station client has returned said token to a token processor  
in indication that the first network station client has accepted the persistent  
invitation to join the ongoing conference call.
8. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
withdrawing the persistent invitation upon termination of the conference call wherein  
said withdrawing comprises  
releasing said token at said first network station client.
9. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 8, wherein  
said withdrawing further comprises notifying the first network station client that the  
conference call has been terminated, and  
said releasing comprises releasing said token at said first network station client in  
response to said notifying.
10. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 9, wherein said notifying comprises:  
notifying the first network station client that the conference call has been terminated  
using a multipoint controller.

11. (Previously presented) A system comprising:
  - means for extending a persistent invitation, after an ongoing conference call has begun, to a first network station client to join the ongoing conference call in response to a determination that the first network station client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call, wherein said means for extending comprises,
  - means for issuing a token to the first network station client;
  - means for detecting an activation of said token by said first network station client; and
  - means for adding the first network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to said activation.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein said means for extending comprises:
  - means for receiving a message indicating that the first network station client is busy.
14. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein said means for extending comprises:
  - means for determining that the first network station client is not responding to the non-persistent invitation to join the conference call within a specified time period.
15. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein said token comprises at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.
16. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 15, wherein a token further comprises a reference used to retrieve state data where such state data functions as at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

17. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 11, wherein said means for detecting comprises:

means for detecting that the first network station client has returned said token to a token processor in indication that the first network station client has accepted the persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call.

18. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 11, further comprising:

means for withdrawing the persistent invitation upon termination of the conference call, wherein said means for withdrawing comprises means for releasing said token at said first network station client.

19. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 18, wherein said means for withdrawing further comprises:

means for notifying the first network station client that the conference call has been terminated, and said means for releasing comprises means for releasing said token at said first network station client in response to said notifying.

20. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 19, wherein said means for notifying comprises a multipoint controller.

21. **(Currently amended)** A computer-readable medium comprising:  
a ~~tangible signal bearing~~ computer-readable storage medium; and  
software code encoded on said ~~signal bearing~~ computer-readable storage medium and  
~~configured~~ executable by one or more processor to implement each of:  
extending a persistent invitation to a first network station client to join an ongoing  
conference call in response to a determination that the first network station  
client is unavailable to accept a non-persistent invitation to join the  
ongoing conference call, wherein said extending is performed after the  
ongoing conference call has begun and comprises issuing a token to the  
first network station client,  
detecting an activation of said token by said first network station client, and  
adding the first network station client to the ongoing conference call in response  
to said detecting.
22. **(Currently amended)** The computer-readable medium of Claim 21, wherein said ~~signal  
bearing~~ computer-readable storage medium comprises recordable media.
23. **(Previously presented)** The computer-readable medium of Claim 21, wherein said  
software code is further ~~configured~~ executable by said processor to implement:  
withdrawing the persistent invitation upon termination of the conference call wherein  
said withdrawing comprises  
releasing said token at said first network station client.

24. (Previously presented) A method comprising:  
receiving at an initially unavailable network station client a persistent invitation to join an ongoing conference call, wherein said receiving occurs after the ongoing conference call has begun and comprises,  
receiving a token indicative of said persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call at said initially unavailable network station client;  
activating the token in response to user input to a network station client selected from the group comprising the initially unavailable network station client and another network station client; and  
adding the network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to said activating.
25. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 24, wherein said token comprises at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.
26. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 25, wherein said token further comprises:  
a reference used to retrieve state data where such state data functions as at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.
27. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:  
presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been received, wherein said presenting comprises, presenting at least one visual alert from the group comprising a Graphical User Interface icon, a conference call Camp-On LED indicator, and a conference call Camp-On email message.

28. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:  
presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been received, wherein said presenting comprises, presenting an auditory alert selected from the group comprising a notification via a network station speaker, a voice-mail conference call Camp-On message, or a conference call Camp-On pager notification.
29. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 24, wherein said activating comprises:  
accepting user input indicating that the persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call has been accepted; and  
transmitting said token to a multipoint controller as an indication that the persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call has been accepted.
30. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29, wherein the token further comprises:  
identification of a transmitting user as a valid participant in the ongoing conference call.
31. (Canceled)
32. (Canceled)
33. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29, wherein said transmitting comprises  
retrieving the token from a cache.
34. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 33, wherein said retrieving comprises  
retrieving the token from a cache local to an invited network station client.
35. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 33, wherein said retrieving comprises  
retrieving the token from a cache local to a network server.
36. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 24, further comprising:  
withdrawing an ability to activate the token in response to a notification that the conference call has terminated.

37. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 36, wherein said withdrawing comprises withdrawing a presented notice that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been extended.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously presented) A system comprising:

means for receiving at an initially unavailable network station client, after an ongoing conference call has begun, a persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call, wherein said means for receiving comprises,  
means for receiving a token indicative of said persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call;

means for activating the token in response to user input to a network station client selected from the group comprising the initially unavailable network station client and another network station client; and

means for adding the network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to an activation of said token.

40. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 39, wherein said token comprises at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.

41. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 40, wherein said token comprises a reference used to retrieve state data where such state data functions as at least one field selected from the group comprising a token ID field, a conference ID field, a password field, an expiration time field, and a conference call participant information field.



42. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 40, further comprising:  
means for presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has  
been received wherein said means for presenting comprises:  
means for presenting at least one visual alert from the group comprising a  
Graphical User Interface icon, a conference call Camp-On LED indicator,  
and a conference call Camp-On email message.
43. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 40, further comprising:  
means for presenting an alert that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has  
been received wherein said means for presenting comprises:  
means for presenting an auditory alert selected from the group comprising a  
notification via a network station speaker, a voice-mail conference call  
Camp-On message, or a conference call Camp-On pager notification.
44. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 39, wherein said means for activating  
comprises:  
means for accepting user input indicating that the persistent invitation to join the ongoing  
conference call has been accepted; and  
means for transmitting said token to a multipoint controller as an indication that the  
persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call has been accepted.
45. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 44, wherein the token further comprises  
identification of a transmitting user as a valid participant in the ongoing conference call.
46. (Canceled)
47. (Canceled)
48. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 44, wherein said means for transmitting  
comprises means for retrieving the token from a cache.

49. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 48, wherein said means for retrieving comprises means for retrieving the token from a cache local to an invited network station client.

50. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 48, wherein said means for retrieving comprises the token from a cache further includes:

means for retrieving the token from a cache local to a network server.

51. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 39, further comprising:

means for withdrawing an ability to activate the token in response to a notification that the conference call has terminated.

52. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 51, wherein said means for withdrawing comprises means for withdrawing a presented notice that the persistent invitation to join the conference call has been extended.

53. (Canceled)

54. **(Currently amended)** A computer-readable medium comprising:

a ~~tangible signal bearing~~ computer-readable storage medium; and

software code encoded on said ~~signal bearing~~ computer-readable storage medium and

~~configured~~ executable by one or more processor to implement each of:

receiving at an initially unavailable network station client a persistent invitation to join an ongoing conference call, wherein said receiving occurs after the ongoing conference call has begun and comprises receiving a token indicative of said persistent invitation to join the ongoing conference call at said initially unavailable network station client,

activating the token in response to user input to a network station client selected from the group comprising the initially unavailable network station client and another network station client, and

adding the network station client to the ongoing conference call in response to said activating.

55. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 54, wherein said ~~signal bearing~~ computer-readable storage medium comprises recordable media.
56. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 54, wherein said ~~signal bearing~~ computer-readable storage medium comprises a CD ROM. ~~transmission media~~.
57. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 3, further comprising:  
extending the non-persistent invitation to the first network station client to join the  
ongoing conference call;  
wherein the receiving the message occurs in response to the non-persistent invitation, and  
the extending the persistent invitation is performed in response to the receiving  
the message.
58. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 13, further comprising:  
means for extending the non-persistent invitation to the first network station client to join  
the ongoing conference call;  
wherein the message occurs in response to the non-persistent invitation, and the means  
for extending the persistent invitation is responsive to the receiving the message.
59. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 21, wherein the  
software code is further executable by said processor ~~configured~~ to implement each of:  
extending the non-persistent invitation to the first network station client to join the  
ongoing conference call; and  
receiving, in response to the non-persistent invitation, a message indicating that the first  
network station client is busy;  
wherein the extending the persistent invitation is performed in response to the receiving  
the message.